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# **Executive Order Is Signed to Reduce Average Space for Federal Employees**

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President Reagan signed an executive order yesterday designed to reduce the amount of space the average federal employee has to work in from 166 square feet to 135.

Paul W. Costello, assistant director of public affairs at the General Services Administration, said 135 square feet per person is an objective and "not something that suddenly is going to happen overnight." The old standard amounts to a rectangular area 16 feet 7 inches by 10 feet. The new one would be 13 feet 6 inches by 10 feet.

The executive order extends to the Defense Department, Veterans Administration and several other agencies the same standard that GSA had issued for other federal departments on March 8, Costello said.

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Total area divided  
by # of employees  
occupied  $\approx 135 \text{ sq. ft.}$